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April 30, 2003 LB 411, 796

Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of LB 796.

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 796 does advance. LB 411.

CLERK: LB 411, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 15, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM1082, Legislative Journal page 1136.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to open on LB 411. I'm sorry. Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open on LB 411.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, the following constitutes the reason for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished. LB 411, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is part of the Governor's biennial budget recommendation and it really does six things as changes to the Medicaid program. One, adults would be limited to one replacement of eyeglass frames and lenses per year; two, adult chiropractic visits would be limited to 20 per year; dental services for children would be limited to coverage for cleft lip and palate, and mutilated and severe occlusion cases; four, adult dental services for dentures for persons 21 years age and older would be eliminated; five, eligible for Medicaid...excuse me, medical assistance for persons 19 and 20 years of age would be determined under Section 1905(a)(I) of the federal Social Security Act. That is referred to as the Ribicoff children. And six, presumptive eligibility for children and pregnant women would be eliminated. There is a committee amendment, and I'll be glad to take that up, Mr. Speaker, if you're ready.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You're recognized to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you. And the committee deliberated long and hard on these issues and the committee amendment, really on